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SUBJECT: A. E. SMITH SPEECH DRAFT

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

1. THERE FOLLOWS MY DRAFT OF THE SMITH SPEECH. YOU WILL

NOTE THE ABSENCE OF JOKES; FRANKLY I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO

WRITE A SERIOUS SPEECH AND WORRY ABOUT JOKES AT THE SAME

TIME. I WILL TRY TO HAVE SOME SUGGESTED HUMOR FOR YOU

WITHIN A DAY OR SO.

2. THE SPEECH ITSELF, WITHOUT THE JOKES, SHOULD RUN BETWEEN

10 AND 15 MINUTES, WHICH I CONSIDER AN APPROPRIATE

LENGTH. MY RESEARCH ON PREVIOUS A. E. SMITH SPEECHES

INDICATES THAT THEY ARE GENERALLY OF SIMILAR LENGTH IF NOT

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SOMEWHAT SHORTER. I WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP ON FURTHER

DRAFTS, ALTHOUGH I RECOGNIZE THAT IS DIFFICULT AT LONG

DISTANCE.

3. BEGIN TEXT YOUR EMINENCE, MR. SILVER, JUDGE MCGIVERN

(GOVERNOR WILSON, MAYOR BEAME, SENATORS JAVITS AND

BUCKLEY, MISS SMITH), LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FRIENDS:

(JOKES TO BE ADDED)

IT IS, FOR A HOST OF REASONS, AN HONOR TO BE INVITED

HERE THIS EVENING. FIRST, BECAUSE THIS PODIUM HAS BEEN

GRACED IN YEARS PAST BY SOME OF THE GREATEST FIGURES OF

MODERN AMERICAN HISTORY. NEXT, BECAUSE WE DO HONOR TO

THE MEMORY OF ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST INSPIRED POLITICAL

LEADERS. AND FINALLY, BECAUSE OF THE HUMANITARIAN PURPOSE

TO WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF THIS EVENING ARE DEVOTED.

CARDINAL COOKE'S LETTER OF INVITATION ASKED THAT I

SPEAK OF THE "VISION OF A BETTER AND MORE PEACEFUL WORLD."

CLEARLY THAT VISION INSPIRED MANY OF THOSE WHO HAVE SPOKEN

HERE BEFORE ME. IT IS THE CENTRAL PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY

WE SUPPORT THIS EVENING; IT WAS THE GUIDING PURPOSE AND

SPIRIT OF THE GREAT SERVICE AL SMITH RENDERED TO HIS

PEOPLE AND HIS NATION OVER MORE THAN THREE DECADES OF  
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PUBLIC LIFE. IT IS THE ESSENCE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM AND

THEREFORE THE HOPE OF THE WORLD.

FOR ALMOST A DECADE OUR NATION WAS TORN BY WAR AND

PLAGUED BY DOUBT ABOUT THE MERIT OF OUR PURPOSES. FOR

TWO YEARS WE HAVE BEEN SHAKEN BY SCANDAL AND ASHAMED

BECAUSE OF WHAT WE THOUGHT IT TOLD US ABOUT OURSELVES.

BUT TODAY THE WAR AND THE SCANDAL ARE BEHIND US, AND

IT IS TIME THAT WE MADE PEACE WITH OURSELVES SO THAT WE  
MAY GET ON WITH THE JOB OF BUILDING A BETTER AND MORE  
PEACEFUL WORLD FOR ALL MANKIND. FOR NO MATTER HOW MUCH  
WE MIGHT WISH OTHERWISE, IT WILL NOT BE DONE WITHOUT US.  
-- OURS IS A PLURALISTIC WORLD. IT IS A WORLD IN  
NEED OF A PEACE OF ACCOMMODATION RATHER THAN DOMINATION --  
THE KIND OF WORLD WE HAVE ALWAYS SEEN AS CONSISTENT WITH  
OUR NATIONAL INTERESTS AS WELL AS OUR HIGHEST HOPES.  
-- IT IS A WORLD IN WHICH THE NEEDS OF ORDINARY  
PEOPLE CRY OUT FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS, FOR SELF-  
RESPECT, DIGNITY AND JUSTICE. THESE WERE OUR NATIONAL  
OBJECTIVES EVEN IN THE MOST ISOLATIONIST OF TIMES. THEY  
ARE OUR OBJECTIVES STILL, AND WITHOUT US THERE WOULD BE  
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NO MEANINGFUL INTERNATIONAL EFFORT IN THE FIELDS OF FOOD  
AID, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.  
-- IT IS, ABOVE ALL, STILL A TUMULTUOUS WORLD; A WORLD  
IN NEED OF A SELF-CONFIDENT AMERICA THAT UNDERSTANDS THAT  
WITHOUT ITS LEADERSHIP THERE CAN BE NO STABILITY, NO  
PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT IN THE HUMAN CONDITION, AND NO  
LASTING PEACE.  
THESE PROBLEMS EXISTED IN AL SMITH'S DAY, BUT THEY  
WERE REMOTE FROM THE DAILY LIVES OF MOST AMERICANS --  
OR SO IT SEEMED UNTIL A SUNDAY IN DECEMBER 1941. YET IN  
THE FOUR SHORT YEARS THAT FOLLOWED, AMERICA TRANSFORMED  
ITSELF FROM AN ISOLATED GIANT CONTENT IN ITS IDEALISM

AND INSISTENT ON ITS PURITY OF PURPOSE, INTO A NATION OF  
GLOBAL INTERESTS AND VIRTUALLY GLOBAL COMMITMENTS. WE  
EMERGED FROM THE WAR AS THE STRONGEST NATION ON EARTH,  
CONFIRMED BY OUR SUCCESS IN THE RIGHTNESS OF OUR CAUSE,  
AND CONVINCED THAT THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WE COULD NOT  
SOLVE.

WE REBUILT EUROPE, RESTRUCTURED THE INSTITUTIONS AND  
SOCIETY OF JAPAN, AND POURED VAST SUMS INTO NEWLY  
CONCEIVED -- BUT TYPICALLY AMERICAN IN THEIR IDEALISM --  
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PROGRAMS OF AID FOR THE WORLD'S POOR AND DISPOSSESSED.  
AND WE DID IT ALL IN THE BELIEF THAT ONCE OUR PURPOSES  
HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IT WOULD MEAN THE END OF OUR EXERTIONS,  
AND A RETURN TO THE NORMAL LIFE WE REMEMBERED WITH SUCH  
NOSTALGIA.

BUT THE WORLD OF PRE-WAR NATION-STATES WAS GONE --  
PERHAPS FOREVER. INSTEAD, WE FOUND OURSELVES LIVING,  
FIRST, IN A BI-POLAR WORLD AND THEN IN A WORLD OF BLOCS.  
AGAIN, STILL WITH A PURITY OF PURPOSE, WE EXERTED OUR-  
SELVES MASSIVELY. WE FORGED AN ALLIANCE IN EUROPE THAT  
HAS KEPT THAT CONTINENT AT PEACE FOR 30 YEARS, WE FOUGHT  
AGGRESSION IN KOREA, WE ARMED OURSELVES, OUR FRIENDS AND  
OUR ALLIES, AND WE EXPANDED OUR AID PROGRAMS MANY-FOLD.  
AND, AGAIN, WE HOPED THAT WHEN OUR JOB WAS DONE WE COULD  
LAY DOWN OUR BURDENS AND RETURN TO A MORE NORMAL WAY OF  
LIFE.

INSTEAD, WE FOUND OURSELVES DRAWN INTO THE LONGEST,  
MOST DIVISIVE WAR IN OUR HISTORY, AND FELL VICTIM TO THAT  
MOST ENERVATING OF DISEASES -- SELF-DOUBT.

THAT WAR, AND THE TRAGEDY OF WATERGATE THAT

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FOLLOWED AFTER, IS BEHIND US NOW. BUT THE TRADITIONAL  
ISSUES OF WAR AND PEACE, LOCAL CONFLICTS AND INTER-  
NATIONAL CRISES, POVERTY AND STARVATION ARE WITH US STILL.

THEY MUST BE DEALT WITH, AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST. WE

WILL SEEK MORE CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR  
ADVERSARIES; WE WILL HELP OTHERS TO FIND PEACEFUL SOLU-

TIONS TO CHRONIC CONFLICTS, AS WE ARE NOW DOING IN THE

MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS; AND WE WILL REVITALIZE OUR

TRADITIONAL ALLIANCES IN EUROPE, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA .

BUT WHILE THE NATURE OF THESE PROBLEMS MAY BE FAMILIAR,

THEY MUST NOW BE ADDRESSED IN A NEW AND MORE COMPLEX

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT -- AN ENVIRONMENT OF GROWING GLOBAL

INTERDEPENDENCE. ALL NATIONS DEPEND, TO AN EVER-

INCREASING DEGREE, ON OTHERS FOR THEIR FOOD AND FUEL,

THEIR TRADE AND INVESTMENT, THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AND

THEIR TECHNOLOGY. WHILE SOME NATIONS MAY BE RICHER THAN

OTHERS, NONE IS SELF-SUFFICIENT.

AND WHILE SOME NATIONS ARE STRONGER THAN OTHERS, NONE

IS OMNIPOTENT. WHILE SEVERAL ARE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO

DESTROY CIVILIZED LIFE AS WE KNOW IT, NONE IS POWERFUL

ENOUGH TO PREVENT ITS OWN DESTRUCTION IN THE PROCESS.

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THE AWESOME SHADOW OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS COMPELS US TO  
STRIVE TO REMOVE THE ROOTS OF LOCAL CONFLICTS, NOT JUST  
MANAGE OR CONTAIN THEM, TO ARREST AND REVERSE THE EXPAN-  
SION OF NUCLEAR ARSENALS, LEST AN ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY  
DICTATE AN EVER MORE DANGEROUS FUTURE.

THUS, GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE IS NO LONGER A SLOGAN.

IT IS, RATHER, AN INESCAPABLE REALITY:

-- INFLATION INFECTS THE ECONOMIES OF ALL NATIONS,  
ITS VIRUS TOO VIRULENT FOR ANY ONE NATION ALONE TO  
CONTROL.

-- RISING ENERGY COSTS AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS  
DEFICITS, AND THE THREAT OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC  
COLLAPSE, CAN ONLY BE MANAGED BY MULTILATERAL  
COOPERATION.

-- FOOD SHORTAGES AND THE GROWING THREAT OF STARVATION  
FOR MILLIONS IN THE UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD CAN ONLY BE  
RESOLVED BY COOPERATIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION.

THESE ARE BUT A FEW EXAMPLES OF THE AGENDA BEFORE US.

IT IS AN AGENDA WE CAN IGNORE IF WE CHOOSE, OR MEET ONLY  
HALF-WAY IF WE WILL. BUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR FAILURE  
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ARE BEYOND ESCAPE, FOR THIS OR ANY FUTURE GENERATION OF  
AMERICANS.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE SHALL FAIL. FOR RIDICULED  
THOUGH IT MAY BE BY SOME, TESTED THOUGH IT HAS BEEN

THROUGH A GENERATION OF STRIFE AND STRIVING, THE BASIC  
IDEALISM -- THE GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT -- OF THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE REMAINS STRONG. WE HAVE BUT TO LOOK FOR IT; WE  
HAVE BUT TO CALL IT FORTH BY THE CHALLENGE OF MIGHTY  
DEEDS TO BE DONE.

WHERE ELSE COULD A NATIONAL LEADER SAY, "WE WILL  
SOLVE THE ENERGY PROBLEM, WE WILL FIND A WAY TO REDUCE THE  
THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR" AND BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY?

THIS GENERATION OF AMERICANS, LIKE ITS FATHERS BEFORE  
IT, STILL BELIEVES THAT EVERY PROBLEM IS SOLUBLE IF WE  
BUT TRY; WE STILL BELIEVE IT IS RIGHT TO REDO WHAT IS  
WRONG IN THE WORLD, JUST AS WE CONSTANTLY STRIVE TO  
RIGHT WRONGS HERE AT HOME; WE DO STILL SEEK THE EXCITE-  
MENT OF NEW FRONTIERS RATHER THAN RETREAT FROM THEIR  
CHALLENGES.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I BELIEVE IN THE GREATNESS  
AND GOODNESS OF MY COUNTRY IN A WAY, PERHAPS, THAT ONLY  
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AN IMMIGRANT WHO HAS BEEN GOVERNED BY TRULY EVIL MEN CAN.  
THROUGHOUT MY LIFE IN AMERICA WE HAVE BEEN A NATION AT  
WAR OR LIVING UNDER THE THREAT OF WAR. YET AMERICANS  
HAVE FREELY GIVEN OF THEIR BLOOD AND TREASURE FOR WHAT  
THEY THOUGHT WAS RIGHT. AND THEY HAVE JUST AS FREELY  
DEBATED AMONGST THEMSELVES IN THE SEARCH FOR THE RIGHT.  
WE HAVE GROWN WEARY OF THE BURDEN WE HAVE SO LONG  
BORNE, BUT WE HAVE NOT PUT IT DOWN. NOR DO I BELIEVE WE

WILL -- DESPITE THE COUNSEL OF THOSE AMONG US WHO NOW  
CRY THAT WE HAVE DONE ENOUGH AND IT IS SOMEONE ELSE'S  
TURN. FOR THAT IS NOT -- NOR HAS IT EVER BEEN -- THE  
SPIRIT OF AMERICA. NOR, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, IS THERE  
ANYONE TO HAND THE BURDEN TO. IT IS OURS WHETHER WE  
WILL OR NO.

YOUR EMINENCE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, JUSTICE HOLMES  
ONCE SAID "WE CANNOT LIVE OUR DREAMS. WE ARE LUCKY  
ENOUGH IF WE CAN GIVE A SAMPLE OF OUR BEST AND IF WE KNOW  
IN OUR HEARTS THAT IT WAS NOBLY DONE." AND YET, THIS  
COUNTRY OF OURS HAS FULFILLED THE DREAMS -- AND MORE --  
OF ITS FOUNDERS, AND OF THE MILLIONS WHO HAVE COME HERE

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OVER THE GENERATIONS IN SEARCH OF FREEDOM AND THE  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF FREE MEN. AS WE FACE THE OLD  
CHALLENGES OF PEACE AND WAR, AND THE NEW CHALLENGES OF  
GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE, LET US GIVE OUR BEST, AS THOSE  
AMERICANS WHO CAME BEFORE US DID, SO THAT FUTURE GENERA-  
TIONS WILL SAY, "IT WAS INDEED NOBLY DONE." END TEXT INGERSOLL

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